

# Search and Rescue

## Extended Duties of New S.R. Organization

**N**OTICE to Airmen No. 270 of the year 1947 laid down that Area Controls serving Flight Information Regions should be responsible for alerting Search and Rescue services for aircraft known to be in distress. The Search and Rescue Organization of the Royal Air Force is the branch formerly known as Air-Sea Rescue, which, since its formation in 1941 until the end of the war, saved about 11,000 airmen, sailors, soldiers and civilians. Now its responsibilities are extended to embrace civil, as well as military, aircraft.

The present organization was planned by the Air Ministry and the Admiralty, and relies primarily on R.A.F. and Naval facilities, though valuable assistance is available from other sources. The areas covered by the new agreement extend throughout the United Kingdom and in those territories overseas in which the Royal Air Force has facilities. Liaison is maintained within the organization with the Admiralty, the National Lifeboat Institution and other bodies concerned in sea or land rescue. In a wider field contact is maintained with I.C.A.O., which will in future receive from the Air Ministry for publication such information on search and rescue as is not secret. When an aircraft is reported missing, or crashes in an area administered from the United Kingdom, all available data which might assist the Search and Rescue Organization will be passed by the Air Traffic Control Centre to the appropriate Rescue Co-ordination Centre of the R.A.F. When an aircraft is missing an air search over the route it was following is to be made, with due allowance for deviations which might have been caused by weather or other factors. Broadcasts to shipping will ensure watch on the sea lanes and the assistance of the B.B.C. and the Press is being sought in asking the public to report facts which might assist in the land search. In cases where an aircraft is found to have crashed at sea, aircraft carrying airborne lifeboats will be sent to its aid, together with launches, lifeboats or shipping. For

land crashes search parties and mountain rescue units will be available, and helicopters will be used where conditions are appropriate.

From January to September, 1947, the Search and Rescue Organization went into action 25 times to assist aircraft, and four times to aid shipping. Ninety-one people were saved. These figures do not by any means represent the number of calls made on the organization, the average number of which is 12 a month. A high proportion of these are found after checking to have been caused by pilots failing to report a safe landing.

### "AIRCRAFT PHOTOGRAPHY"

**D**ESCRIBING himself as the "oldest inhabitant," Mr. John Yoxall, Art Editor of *Flight* and doyen of air-to-air photographers, gave an extremely interesting, as well as an amusing lecture, which was illustrated by lantern slides, to the Derby branch of the Royal Aeronautical Society, in the Rolls-Royce Welfare Hall, Derby, on Monday, January 5th.

In his own inimitable way and with many amusing anecdotes, Mr. Yoxall described how the technique of aircraft photography had developed since the earliest days of flying. The showing of each slide was accompanied by some interesting reminiscence of flying in its more primitive days. The account of the unassisted ascent of the 120ft mooring mast (rate of climb was not disclosed) in order to enter the R.36 airship being very amusing, particularly the story of the passengers on board ship being warned not to gather in groups of more than three or they might go through.

Altogether it was a very pleasant lecture and it can genuinely be said that a good time was had by all. Col. L. F. R. Fell, of Rolls-Royce, introduced the speaker, and S/L. Jim Heyworth, a Rolls-Royce test pilot, proposed a vote of thanks.

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# New Year Honours

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### M.B.E. (Civil)

Harry Lager, M.M., Senior Staff Officer, Air Ministry; Frank Dixon Marshall, Honorary Secretary, Yorkshire Air Training Corps Association; Alderman Douglas Archibald Alfred Merry, Chairman, Finchley Local Committee of Nos. 393 and 1825 Squadrons, Air Training Corps; George Frederick Tyler, F.C.I.I., Chairman, Ilford Wing Committee, Air Training Corps.

### NEW ZEALAND LIST

### ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

### C.B.E. (Military)

Group Capt. C. E. Kay, R.N.Z.A.F.

### INDIA OFFICE LIST

### ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

### O.B.E. (Civil)

John Parkyn Jeffcock, M.I.E.E., Deputy Director-General, Civil Aviation (Airways and Administration), Government of India.

### M.B.E.

John Hamilton, Director of Administration, Civil Aviation Department, Government of India.

### ROYAL AIR FORCE AWARDS

### BAR TO AIR FORCE CROSS

Act. Wing Cdr. R. C. E. Scott; Sqn. Ldrs. M. C. Adderley, M. D. Lyne.

### AIR FORCE CROSS

Wing Cdrs. A. E. Dale, R. I. Jones; Act. Wing Cdr. J. R. Baldwin; Sqn. Ldr. I. R. Campbell, J. S. Higgins, E. James, E. F. Thornicroft; Act. Sqn. Ldrs. F. J. Cable, A. D. G. Stephenson; Flt. Lts. J. F. M. Bevan, R. T. Bowring, W. Foster, W. Gallagher, W. F. Hoffmann, C. J. Homes, C. F. Kirkwood-Hackett, A. Lloyd, J. E. Major, T. H. Meyer, J. H. Pinckard, F. N. Ramsey, J. E. L. Rivalant, D. A. Shaw, N. C. Thorne, R. V. Y. Walmsley; Lts. S. G. Orr, E. M. Welch, R.N.; Act. Flt. Lt. S. J. Hubbard; F/O. G. H. Carter, G. Jukes, W. J. O. Morrison, P. Rowland, Act. W/O. D. S. Campbell.

### AIR FORCE MEDAL

Navigator H G. J. H. Mewis; Engineer II J. B. Elder.

### BAR TO ROYAL RED CROSS

### (First Class)

Matron Catherine Walker, R.R.C., P.M.R.A.F.N.S.

### ROYAL RED CROSS

### (Second Class)

Acting Matron Millicent Clare Rattenberry, P.M.R.A.F.N.S.

### King's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air

Sqn. Ldr. R. R. Jeffery; Flt. Lts. E. L. Drake, D.F.C.; H. T. Lerry; H. W. Taylor, D.F.C.; F/Os. D. E. Edney, A. G. Henderson, R. I. Sneddon; Pilots H W. H. Atkins, N. W. Davey; Navigator H. C. McClelland; Signaller H D. A. Birchall; Engineers H A. S. Shoebottom, A. S. Simpson.

### ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE AWARDS

### AIR FORCE CROSS

Sqn. Ldr. C. W. Stark; Flt. Lts. J. G. Cornish, D. R. Hebbard, A. J. Somerville, A. Starkey, G. Tuck.

### King's Commendations for Valuable Service in the Air

Wing Cdr. G. D. Marshall; Flt. Lts. J. P. Grimey, J. C. Green, E. W. Guy.

### King's Commendation for Brave Conduct

Flt. Lt. F. W. Gregory.

### BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

### (Military)

Air Artificer Third Class K. J. Russell, Air Artificer Third Class H. J. P. Barty, F/Sgts. J. Adam, J. K. Archer, H. W. Cooper, M. Crawford, R. M. Daniel, R. Fleming, S. B. Greet, J. Hartley, C. A. F. Kettle, S. Leonard, H. Norster, J. C. Payne, J. W. Smallfield, A. T. Summers, R. Travers, G. E. Trott, J. Turvey; Sgts. R. C. Callow, L. L. Cobbin, B. L. Cosh, V. G. Frost, S. C. Nurse, J. C. Percival; Act. Sgt. T. Stockbridge; Cpl. T. E. J. Harrison; Act. Cpl. M. Hunt; Sgt. M. Blaney, W.A.A.F.; Sgt. M. E. Campbell, W.A.A.F.; Sgt. N. Smith, W.A.A.F.; Cpl. G. M. Hindes, W.A.A.F.

### (Civil)

P. Lancaster, Clerk of Works, R.A.F. Base, Singapore; S. C. Peach, Chargehand Telephone Operator, R.A.F. Station, Cranwell; A. Rickards, Senior Examiner, Aeronautical Inspection Directorate, Ministry of Supply; W. R. E. Satchell, Instructor of Engineers, British Overseas Airways Corporation; H. Saunders, Instructor, Grade 4, No. 1 School of Technical Training, R.A.F., Halton, Aylesbury; R. Walker, Foreman, Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough; J. A. Wallace, M.M., Warrant Officer, No. 367 (City of Sheffield) Squadron, Air Training Corps; B. I. Lynch, Ground Fitter, Martin Baker Aircraft Co., Ltd., Middlesex; H. S. Sharp, Shop Foreman, No. 4 Maintenance Unit, R.A.F., Ruislip.

### King's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air

Capt. C. E. Madge, Senior Captain, British Overseas Airways Corporation



Sir Frank Spencer Spriggs, Managing Director, Hawker Siddeley, who received his promotion in the Order to K.B.E.